Approved For Release 2001/04/02 : CIA-RDP82-00457R003400610004-7 CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY REPORT NO. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 25X1A 10 X450 1150 COMPLEMENTAL 10 October 1949 DATE DISTR. COUNTRY Germany/U.S.S.R. 2 NO. OF PAGES SUBJECT Returning German PWs 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE LISTED BELOW **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1X DATE OF INFO. 1949 REPORT NO. Number of German PWs still being retained in the USSR and the Satellite Countries (all figures are approximate). a. Number of PWs originating from places in Western Germany who had sent messages from Ph camps by June 1947 (based on a statistical registration in August 1947): 1,200,000 b. Estimated number of soldiers missing in action who are from places in Western Germany, based on records available at the zonal search centers in MUNICH and HAMBURG and several other search services. (i.e. Pws from whom there are no messages as per para 1 a): Number of the statistically registered PWs and missing soldiers originating from the Soviet Zone of Germany: The present approximate total is 3,500,000 ď. This flaure does not include displaced civilian laborers from the Soviet Zone of Germany, (1) the Polish and Soviet administrative aceas of Eastern Germany (East Prussia, Silesia etc.) (2) The number of persons mentioned under (1) and (2) cannot even be rou hly estimated at this time. (The number of displaced skilled lacorers alone was estimated at 20,000 in a discussion of the subject by this department). Number of PWs already returned to Western Germany (estimates unless otherwise noted): US Zone until April 1949 (exact number) 115,384 20,000 135,384 From April 1949 until July 1949 inclu Sive CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS DISTRIBUTION I NSRB Document No. X NAVY STATE X FBI 非 X AIR No Change in Class. ARMY Declassified Class. Changed To: TS Auth .: HR 70-2 Approved For Release 2001/04/02 : CIA-RDP82-06457R003406670004-Py: 025

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b. British zone until July 1949:

150,000

c. French Zone until July 1949

51,679

Total

347,000

Health of Keturned Phs

- a. Until the summer of 1948 the USSK released only those PWs who were unfit for work. Until that time the PWs were in the worst possible physical condition, most of them had contracted all sorts of terrible diseases during their imprisonment. Many of them died after their return.
- b. From the subser of 1948 the physical condition of the returned Plus appeared to improve considerably.
- c. From 1949 on the average returned PW was in good health and well fed.
- d. It could not yet be ascertained what happens to the PWs in the USSR who are unfit for work.

rolitical Attitude of Returned PWs

- Generally speaking, the experiences they underwent in the USSR turned the PWs into reliable anti-Bolshevists. They are frank and outspoken during the interrogations and almost invariably are prepared to make requested statements.
- b. At the turn of the year 1948/49 host of the returned PWs appeared to be very reserved and suspicious. This was caused by threats of the Soviets and by the many spies and ANTIPA-men within the transports.
- c. In the camps the PWs were influenced politically in that attempts were hade to make them believe that in the capitalistic countries, including western Germany, the workers are living in dire need and that these conditions can only be altered by a communistic revolution.
- d. Some of the returning PWs, approximately 10 15 percent, were obviously influenced to a certain extent by the communist agitation. in most cases this influence is completely eliminated after a short stay in Western Germany when they find out for themselves how matters really stand.
- e. The number of ascertained ANTIFA-members who are being discharged varies. One has to distinguish between:
- Confirmed communists who actually carry out the orders iven to them (a litation, to a certain extent even intelligence activities.) and
- (2) PWs who joined the active ANTIFA only for reasons of personal advantage.

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